

# SOCCER WEEKLY

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● Juventus star forward Frank Barbazza, who will be seen in action at the Park this weekend.

## Knock-out bids in weekend play-offs!

# EVERY SIDE IS IN BIG FIGHT TO JOIN GEORGE CROSS IN CUP SEMI-FINALS



Here it is, the coveted Dockerty Cup which the eight teams in Sections A and B are fighting for this season.

George Cross are favourites for the semi-final, but the competition is still wide open.

The Cup, first introduced by Mr Harry J. Dockerty in 1908, has been played for every year except for a couple of seasons during World War I.

It is a fine trophy and certainly well-worth the effort required to win it.

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Last week's second round of sectional play-offs in the Dockerty Cup competition was expected to supply the names of at least three of the four teams that would survive to battle out the semi-finals, but when the dust and smoke of the round cleared, only George Cross was a certainty for the semis, and every one of the other seven teams had some sort of a chance to win enough points and goal percentage in this week's third and last elimination round to get into the act.

But the soccer fan who hopes to predict which of the other seven teams will join George Cross in the semi-finals will need second sight, a crystal ball, or some other fortune-telling gadget to help him.

The confused situation that was left after last week's round not only turns this week's four games into knock-out cup ties, but cup ties in which goal percentage will play a big part.

And Saturday's games will have a bearing on Sunday's games, making it easier, tougher, or downright impossible for some of Sunday's hopefuls.

Unless you have a good head for geometry, trigonometry and logarithms, don't bother to try to sort out the possibilities in the following analysis.

If Slavia beats Croat on Saturday, it will make the semi-finals no matter what happens in the George Cross-Hellas fixture on Sunday.

But if Croat tosses Slavia or draws, then Hellas will be encouraged to go flat out to beat George Cross by a margin good enough to top Croat and Slavia on goal percentage.

It's no use saying that Croat can't beat Slavia or that Hellas can't topple the Cross.

### STRONG CROAT

Last week, we saw Hakoah improve by at least two goals to trounce Polonia. Then we saw Croat, the most unfancied team in the tournament, hold Hellas to a draw. And don't forget that Croat is the team that knocked Wilhelmina out of the competition.

The other section is an even greater puzzle, without a single infallible clue that will help you to solve it.

Hakoah has two points and must beat Juventus on Saturday to get into the semi-finals. You may say that Hakoah can do it — but are you sure?



If Juventus beats Hakoah by a respectable margin, it has a good chance of being a semi-finalist. But it must still wait to see what happens in Sunday's Polonia-J.U.S.T. game to know its fate.

If Juventus can only draw with Hakoah, the Zebras are out. And Hakoah will be forced to lie on a spiky, sleepless bed overnight, for it, too, would depend on the Sunday game's result.

Polonia has two points, and if it can beat J.U.S.T., it will be in the semis. If J.U.S.T. wins, it will be in — and Polonia will be out.

### GOALS COUNT

If both Saturday's and Sunday's games in Section "B" are draws, goal percentage will decide between Hakoah and Polonia. The same will apply between Polonia and Juventus if the Sunday game is a draw and Juventus won the day before.

If you can't follow all this, study the sectional standing on page 7. Also see Dunc an McDougall's "Zoom Lens on the Dockerty Cup" on page 3. Then give up trying to solve the puzzle and go to the Park on Saturday and Sunday to see how it all turns out.

Brilliant J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Steve Jankovic makes a spectacular save from sharpshooting Juventus forward Frank Barbazza at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The game, seen by a large crowd, finished in a 2-2 draw.

Photo by Soccer Weekly staff photographer Uwe Kuessner.

## DON'T HIDE THE FACTS IN SOCCER

THE VICTORIAN Football League openly announced last week that they were building a stadium to hold 150,000 people to "stop the growth of soccer."

This is a BIG statement in itself coming from the biggest football body in the State.

But what is the Press doing to investigate this growth which compels the VFL to purchase 200 acres at Waverley and build such an enormous stadium? NOTHING!

The Victorian public should be told about soccer's progress during the past two or three years.

They should be told that soccer is about to launch the nation-wide Australia Cup — the most expensive football competition ever held in this country.

### STRUGGLE IN SCHOOLS

And they should be told of soccer's struggle in the Victorian schools and how sports masters have refused to have the game played on their sports grounds.

All this makes good reading but soccer fans read little about their code in the daily Press.

The only news they get dished up big is a brawl or when a rival code decides to build a 150,000 capacity stadium to kill the growth of soccer — a game which is still "foreign" to most Victorians.

Don't hide the facts in soccer. Tell the public ALL the story, not just half of it!

● See "Stadium won't stop the progress of our game" on Page 8.

— THE EDITOR.

## THE G.O.M. OF SOCCER IS 81

Mr Harry J. Dockerty, of Canterbury, President of the Victorian Soccer Federation, will celebrate his 81st birthday at his home in Canterbury tomorrow.

Mr Dockerty, known as the Grand Old Man of Soccer, has been connected with the game in Victoria since 1908, when he first gave his famous Cup for competition.

In those early days of soccer in Melbourne he was involved in a big fight to establish the code here.

Mr Dockerty, a keen player himself, went to The Argus newspaper to try to persuade them to write a story about his plans to establish soccer here, but they refused.

He then paid for an advertisement asking for sportsmen interested in playing "British football" to meet at Middle Park on a Sunday.

As a result, a group of men established a British Football Association and the game was launched for the first time in Victoria.

Little did Mr Dockerty know in those early days that the code would attract more than 20,000 fans for a Melbourne club game.

Yes, soccer has come a long way since 1908, and we believe it will go a long way further in future years.

Soccer Weekly, on behalf of all Victorian soccer followers, sends best wishes and greetings to Mr Dockerty on the occasion of his birthday tomorrow.

Many happy returns, Sir.

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# THE WORLD OF SOCCER

Walter Winterbottom, England's team manager for 16 years, was not sacked. He quit the hottest seat in football before anybody gave him a push. Winterbottom was the most criticised man in Britain following England's failure at Brazil.

The average age of the Brazilian team which won the World Cup was 27 years and seven months. The Czechoslovakia side, who were runners-up, averaged 27 years.

A new revival has taken place at Highbury, where Billy Wright now manages Arsenal. With the advent of the new manager and the signing of Joe Baker, the club's 4500 season tickets were snapped up for £44,500 long before the season started. Highbury, with a capacity of 68,000, will have 17,500 seated by next year.

Scottish professional clubs will now be able to retain players from the age of 15 upwards under a new provisional registration scheme. This is to avert the poaching of young players by rival clubs. Previously the age limit was 17.

During the past eight months Denis Law, Britain's highest priced soccer star, has played three times at the famous Hampden Park. He has appeared for the

Italian League, Scotland and Manchester United.

In the 1954-55 local derby match between Roma and Lazio in Rome both clubs were managed by Englishmen. At Roma was Jesse Carver from Liverpool, who played centre-half for Blackburn, Newcastle and Bury and then went on to become one of the finest coaches in the world. For Lazio, George Raynor was in control and this Yorkshireman, who played with Rotherham, Aldershot and Sheffield United, had a brilliant run of success as

manager of Sweden's World Cup team for many years.

James Scotland Symon, manager of Rangers Football Club, is one of the very few men who have played for Scotland both at soccer and cricket.

Beneficia, the present European Cup holders, have appointed a new team manager. He is Fernando Riera, who was team manager of the Chile side which gained third place in the World Cup this year.

## Budapest in 4-0 Cup win

South Australian First Division soccer premiership winners, Budapest, qualified for the final of the Jaxen Cup when they beat Cumberland, 4-0, in the second semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

They will play Croatia in the final at Hindmarsh next Saturday.

Saturday's game was very mediocre, with Budapest a shade below their best form and Cumberland incapable of extending them.

Results:—Jaxen Cup, semi-final — Budapest 4, Cumberland 0.

Goal-scorers — Budapest: Herczeg 3, Luck (o.g.). Best Players — Budapest: Marion, Goczon, Maticsak, Balter. Cumberland: Stockley, Jansen, Harlow, Smith.

Advertiser Cup, semi-final: Budapest 2, Birkalla 1. Goal-scorers — Budapest: Kubanyi, Fanton (o.g.). Birkalla: Smith. Best players — Budapest: Suth Agocs, Kubanyi, Szabo. Birkalla: Whitbread, Chisholm, Yeaton, Cowin.

Second Division: Windsor 3, Edinburgh 2; Austria 9, Elizabeth 1 (Beattie scored seven of Austria's goals); Hellas 4, Napoli 0; Enfield 3, Salisbury 0; Port Adelaide 1, Malta 1.

## DANCE AT STH. YARRA

South Yarra will be holding a presentation dance and also to celebrate their promotion to the First Division South. The dance will be held at the RSL Hall, High St, Prahran (between Chapel St and Williams Rd), on September 22 at 8 p.m. The popular "Merry Macs" will provide bright music. Donation 10/- with supper, also refreshments. If you want to talk soccer come and join in the fun.

## Entertainment

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Victoria kicked off and went straight into attack and kept N.S.W. pinned down in their own goal area for the first five minutes.

NSW came away to test the Victorian defence, which held, and Victoria, with a forward passing move, narrowly missed a goal when Sant hit the cross bar with a terrific drive.

The game swung from end to end until Tony Watson, the Vic. centre-forward, broke away on his own and with only the goalkeeper to beat to go with a hard shot which the NSW goalie, Fuzes, saved with a spectacular effort.

NSW came back into attack and the Vic. defence was hard pressed to stop them scoring.

The game settled down to an even tussle between two teams, one determined to hold the trophy and the other to wrest it from them.

Half-time came with no score.

**NSW'S FIRST**

Within five minutes of resumption NSW opened the scoring with a hard drive from Donovan which beat the Vic. goalie, Summa.

Victoria came back but were repelled by the hard hitting NSW defence.

NSW got their second goal with a neat lob by Longmuir which deceived the Vic. goalie.

However, Victoria was not yet beaten and with a beautiful passing move Abonyi crossed the ball to Watson, who placed his shot wide of the goalie to score their first goal.

Keeping up the pressure Sant, the Vic. inside-left, made the NSW goalie bring off another terrific save.

NSW received a free kick outside the penalty area which was placed in the net but the referee disallowed the goal.

Play became midfield until Watson, with a solo effort, gained the equaliser.

The game was now keeping the crowd on its toes with both teams playing good soccer.

With 10 minutes to go centre-half Yelland had to leave the field due to injuries, sprained ankle and suspected fractured wrist. He was replaced by Stacey.

**VIC'S LEAD**

In the dying minutes of play Victoria received a penalty for "hands". Abonyi, taking the kick, scored, but as the goalkeeper moved the kick had to be retaken and the result of this gave Victoria the lead.

In a game in which every player did his part, the NSW goalie, Fuzes, was outstanding, with Mackay and Zorbas close behind.

Star players for Victoria were captain John Yelland, T. Watson and A. Abonyi.

After the game, Mr R. Ralph said "the best team won".

The Victorian team put up a wonderful show and praise for their fine effort must go to coach Ollie Morris, who put in many weeks of hard work with the boys.

We also thank Mr Andy Johnstone for training assistance, Mr Freddy Falzon, who spurred the boys on with advice and encouragement, and Mr Lazari, Juventus trainer, for medical help given to the injured captain, J. Yelland.

## PLEASED

The junior management are very pleased to know that senior players and trainers such as these are sufficiently interested in the juniors to give them such help and encouragement.

The presentation of the trophy was made at half-time in the Hakoah v. Polonia game.

Both teams were led on to the ground with their managers, Mr R. Ralph for NSW and yours truly for Victoria.

Mr Ralph turned the trophy over to Mr D. Harvey, junior chairman, who then presented it to the Victorian captain. The crowd responded to the presentation with great applause.

## FAREWELLED

The NSW boys were farewelled at Spencer St after what they described as a wonderful nine-days visit.

A number of friends made during the visit were there to see them off, including some other residents of the hotel where the boys stayed.

Springvale juniors will entertain the Sydney Australian juniors during the weekend — September 29-30.

This is a return visit to the one made by Springvale to Sydney in August.

## CARNIVAL

Springvale and Dandenong clubs have arranged a soccer carnival starting at 12 noon on Saturday, September 29, with a game between Springvale and Dandenong. The visitors, Sydney Austral, will play Frankston.

There will be a semi-final and final match for trophies.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. Dandenong and Springvale under-18 teams will play an exhibition game. Games will last for 20 minutes each half.

The day is planned for the promotion of junior soccer in the Springvale, Dandenong and Frankston area.

On Sunday, September 30, the visiting NSW team will play an under-14 side made up from clubs south of the Yarra.

Please give your support to this weekend of soccer — all are welcome. Springvale under-14 beat Dandenong 2-0.

Waaldyk scored both

goals in the first half, one being a terrific header. Springvale was the better of the two teams, keeping the Dandenong danger man, Mail, under control.

Mr Rubens, secretary of the Springvale Junior Club, deserves praise, both from his club and soccer generally, for his untiring efforts to promote the juniors.

His own two sons figure prominently in the under-14 and under-16 teams and their skill and interest in the game is no doubt due to Mr Rubens' help and enthusiasm.

Melbourne Junior Club have answered the call from Moe for friendly games and will be taking their under-14 and under-18 teams, along with a large number of supporters, to Moe on Sunday, September 23.

The Moe club have planned a good day for their visitors, including a tour of the Latrobe Valley industries.

## INVITATION

The Junior Management Committee wishes to thank Melbourne club officials for so readily taking up the open invitation from Moe and generally sponsoring their juniors.

Though Springvale Under-14's were defeated twice in NSW, they left a good name for Victorian junior soccer behind them. They were guests of Sydney Austral, which team are Manly District champions with not a goal scored against them in their last 10 games.

Springvale, with the good name of Victoria at stake, lost only 2-1 against this team, and in the second half Springvale reached such a high standard of play NSW was lucky not to be the losers. No fewer than five times they hit the post and the ovation and compliments they received after the game were well meant and deserved.

On the Sunday morning they were guests of the Bankstown District Association and the Under-15 team they were brought against was a selection from 68 Under-14 teams. Reinforced by P. Rubens and J. Beesley, they lost only 1-0.

Trident.

the goal being scored in the first minute when the Vale defence made the only error of the game. In the first half, Bankstown, with the wind in the back, was all over the Victorians, but Beesley, who received a cup for the best player on the field, was everywhere and E. Dalhatsch in goal was terrific.

## UNBEATABLE

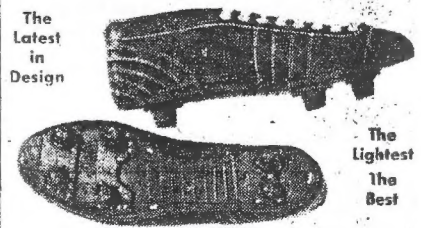
In the second half Springvale combined and played so well that they really deserved the equaliser, but the NSW goalie was unbeatable, even when P. Rubens, after a beautiful combination with Guy Beesley and A. Waaldyk, shot in from close range. The goalie threw himself on the feet of the Vale centre-forward and saved the goal, but unfortunately had to leave the ground.

In the afternoon the boys were guests of the NSW Federation and saw the game between Hakoah and Prague, which was an eye-opener, the standard of play being much better than generally seen on Victorian grounds between State League clubs.

Tasmania and Victoria drew 1-1 in their final match at Yarra Park. The match was very hard, but clean, and Tasmania scored the equalising goal 30 seconds from time. Tarasik scored for Victoria and Foster netted for Tasmania. Best players, Victoria: Chadiak, Nowak, Kupisz. Tasmania: Foster, Mackie, West.

At the official dinner after the game, a Victorian official described the Tasmanians as the friendliest junior side ever to visit Victoria, the outstanding behavior of the boys on and off the field being a credit to their manager, Mr G. Schurwanz, and captain Wally Foster. It is anticipated that a Victorian under-14 team will visit Tasmania next season.

At Yallourn the under-14 team played the match of the day, and both teams failed to score, mainly due to some grand goalkeeping by both sides. Best players for the Metropolitan XI were Mail, of Frankston; Skrobalak, of North Sunshine; and Torczyk, of Trident.



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## Chairman, secretary for Tassie

Mr Theo Marmaras, Federation chairman, and Mr Stuart Beaton, secretary, will leave for Tasmania next Sunday for talks with the soccer officials in the "Apple Isle".

Soccer in Tasmania is run by the Old Association and for the purpose of the visit is to explain the advantages of Tasmania joining the Federation.

## CROAT-CROATIA MERGER ROW

The amalgamation of Croat and Croatia into a single club is not going smoothly according to some Croat officials.

Croat secretary Mr J. Radovic says while he and most of the members of Croat are in favour of the merger, he has had to be faced to the details of the arrangements.

Federation chairman Mr Marmaras states that details of the merger were worked out with both clubs at a number of meetings which carried the business forward step by step.

Every meeting voted for full approval of the merger. Club constitution was written and adopted, was followed by the election of officers. The elections were carried out by secret ballot under the supervision of a solicitor, who was present at most meetings.

The merger details, the constitution, and the officers bearers were all approved by the State council to take effect in January, 1963, Mr Marmaras said, and that is now the official view of the Federation.

Any criticism or dispute now arising within the matter which must be settled by the club, Mr Marmaras said.

# NEW STADIUM WON'T STOP

By THE EDITOR

A STADIUM to hold 150,000 people may be built by the Victorian Football League in Waverley "to meet the challenge of soccer to Australian football."

This was announced by VFL Secretary Mr Eric McCutchan last week in the Melbourne Herald.



FRED VILLIERS  
Soccer Weekly Editor.

In New South Wales soccer has really kicked on during the past two years, especially in the junior grades.

With more than 33,000 registered junior players in that State a big future is assured for the code there.

But even so, New South Wales is not the State with the record "gate" attendances. These are held by Victoria, much to the surprise of the Australian Soccer Federation.

They are amazed that record "gates" of more than 20,000 have been claimed this season for soccer in Melbourne — the big Aussie Rules stronghold.

This also is worrying the Victorian Football League and that's why they're talking about building the big stadium on their 200 acres at Waverley.

### THANK YOU!

The Editor thanks all those many kind soccer followers who phoned and sent messages to his home and the hospital during his recent indisposition.

There are far too many to thank individually so he hopes they will accept this as his personal appreciation for their kind wishes.

But the Victorian Soccer Federation is not worried as a big stadium will not stop the growth of an international football code in Melbourne. SOCCER WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS IN VICTORIA JUST AS IT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

On the last count early in 1961, there were some 88,000 registered Rules players in Australia, compared with more than 58,000 registered soccer players in the country.

These figures tell their own story and that is why the VFL is worried.

The Australian game is strongest in Victoria because this State is the citadel of the code, but this does not apply elsewhere.



JOHN van HOBOKEN  
former Federation Publicity Chairman.

All real soccer lovers will say "good luck to them" as soccer-minded people couldn't care less whether the VFL builds a stadium to accommodate a million fans, because Aussie football is a local game with little national or world interest.

Soccer is more established on a national basis than any other football code in Australia. This is due to the hard-working efforts of the Australian Soccer Federation.

We'll see the result of the Federation's efforts in

the next few weeks when the national soccer competition gets under way.

Here in Victoria we've enjoyed one of the keenest and closest competitions in the history of the game. Crowds, too, have been a record high this season.

AND SO SOCCER WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. THE ROUND BALL WILL CONTINUE TO ROLL ON VICTORIAN GROUNDS AND ALL THE BIG STADIUMS IN THE WORLD WON'T STOP THE ROUND BALL FROM ROLLING.

The year 1962 will go down as a great one for soccer in Victoria. It was a testing year for the new controlling body, the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Mr Theo Marmaras, the Federation's chairman, has proved a great ambassador for the game. He is well known and well liked and he has been a tireless worker for the code.

He is the first to admit he's learned a lot from his experiences this year.

Our publicity, in the capable hands of Mr John van Hoboken, has never been better.

He was responsible for the birth of this newspaper, a great improvement on previous Victorian soccer publications. He ensured its large circulation through the bookstalls in the city and suburbs.

It was unfortunate he resigned from the position as he thought big for soccer, and he worked hard on his publicity campaigns.

THIS VACANCY WILL BE HARD TO FILL. BUT WHOEVER SUCCEEDS HIM WILL FIND MUCH OF THE SPADEWORK FOR SOCCER PUBLICITY HERE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.

## PROGRESS IN SOCCER



THEO MARMARAS  
Federation Chairman.



To keep the round ball rolling in Melbourne the Federation must consider seriously Mr Marmaras' plans for the promotion of the game in schools next year.

Victorian schoolboys must be attracted to the game to keep the round ball rolling throughout the State.

Coaching classes MUST be set up in all schools and the best methods of coaching MUST be applied.

All this will be done as the Federation settle down to its task of administering the game here, and with a full season's experience behind them prospects for 1963 look very rosy.

GOOD LUCK TO THE FEDERATION, AND

MAY THE ROUND BALL CONTINUE TO ROLL WELL FOR THEM NEXT YEAR.

## Look out for Glenroy in '63

Glenroy looks like being a force in soccer next season.

On Sunday, soccer followers and local councillors formed the Glenroy Soccer Club and with the support the first meeting received the club looks like going places in future.

The meeting was held at the home of Mr John van de Loo, 18 Stella St, Glenroy.

Mr van de Loo, provisional president of the club, presided.

Mr van de Loo said: "This is a moment which I hope will make history as far as Glenroy and this, our City of Broadmeadows, is concerned. Soccer history that is..."

"You may realise that the formation of a Glenroy senior soccer club has been in store for some time now.

"This district has reached a population of 70,000, many of whom have come to settle here from overseas countries, where soccer is the national game, as Rules football is in Victoria.

"In fact, one may assume that roughly one-third of the population comes within the classification of newcomers.

"During a recent visit overseas I met many migrants, both those who were returning to their former homelands and those who were coming here for the first time to try to make this fine

land their future homeland. I have heard their views on Australia.

"It is not merely interesting to know such viewpoints, but important, particularly where those leaving Australia seemed to have a longing for their national game, soccer, which many claimed was being 'victimised' in Australia, rather than being encouraged as a means of satisfaction and interest to them.

"Indeed, soccer is the international football code which can and in fact must take its place in Australian sport.

"With the available potential — and the many migrants still to

come here — it would be possible for soccer to put Australia on the map — in some years to come — as perhaps the leading soccer nation.

"When Australians can take first place in so many sports, against nations such as Britain, America and even Russia, why would it not be able to take at least one of the first places at international soccer?" added Mr van de Loo.

The provisional committee is: Patron, Mr Alex Pope, J.P. (Imm. Post Mayor of Broadmeadows).

President, John van de Loo; sen. vice-president, W. (Bill) van Engelen;

jun. vice-president, John Anderson; hon. sec., Stan Stokes (ex-sec. of George Cross SC); treasurer, Jack Nordhausen.

Coach, Pat Clarke, ex-Victorian captain and former national player (Pat captained Victoria 13 times and rep. Australia three times).

Social committee: Chairman, W. (Bill) van Engelen; sec.-treas., Les Fayer.

Footnote: Cr Pope is a former Coburg Rules player.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 27, 7.30 p.m. at club rooms behind president's home, 18 Stella St, Glenroy. Everyone welcome.

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